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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:
Applicant: Jean-Louis De Bougrenet et al.
For : MANUFACTURING METHOD OF A DEVICE FOR
ATTENUATING A SIGNAL CARRIED BY AN OPTICAL
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SYSTEM AND CORRESPONDING APPLICATIONS
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Dear Sir:

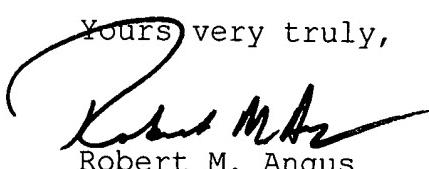
Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.
34 pages Specification
5 pages claims
1 page Abstract
2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
(3 pages).
3. 6 sheets of drawings.
4. File Data Sheet

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication. Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the filing fee, executed Declaration and claim of small entity status (if applicable) will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of February 13, 2002 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

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